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In re application of: Examiner: Dong Jiang Ellen FILVAROFF, et al. Art Unit: 1646 Serial No.: 10/617,573 Confirmation No.: 8245 Filed: July 11, 2003 Docket No.: 22338-00444 For: IL-17 Homologous Polypeptides and P1381RIC1P4D1 Therapeutic Uses Thereof

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the period for filing a response to the final Office Action mailed May 15, 2007, into the first month, therefore extending the due date to September 15, 2007. The Director is requested to charge the fee for the requested extension, \$120.00, to our Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Respectfully submitted,

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